



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 220**

*January Session, 2001*

House Bill No. 6900

*House of Representatives, April 10, 2001*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF JEANNE FAIMAN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 The General Assembly, in accordance with section 4-159 of the
- 2 general statutes, rejects the recommendation of the Claims
- 3 Commissioner, file number 16644, that no award be granted to Jeanne
- 4 Faiman on her claim against the state in excess of seven thousand five
- 5 hundred dollars and that permission to sue be denied and authorizes
- 6 Jeanne Faiman to institute and prosecute to final judgment an action
- 7 against the state to recover damages as compensation for personal
- 8 injury allegedly suffered by her on February 8, 1996.

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Potential Cost

**Affected Agencies:** Office of Claims Commissioner, Attorney General, Judicial Department

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

The bill could result in a cost of up to \$330,000 to the State. The bill could also result in a workload increase for the Attorney General that can be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill rejects the recommendation of the Claims Commissioner, that no award be granted to Jeanne Faiman on her claim against the state and that permission to sue be denied. It authorizes Jeanne Faiman to sue the state to recover \$280,000 in damages she is seeking to recover as compensation for personal injury she allegedly suffered exiting a superior court building. Should judgment be rendered against the state, payment would be made from the Adjudicated Claims account in the General Fund. However, in the event that a settlement is reached, payment could be made from either the Litigation Settlement account or the Judicial Department's appropriations.

Under current law, the Attorney General is required to represent state agencies and departments in civil proceedings. He may choose to assign a third party to represent state entities on his behalf, in which case the Judicial Department could incur a \$25,000 - \$50,000 expense for outside legal services. However, it is anticipated that the Attorney General would represent the Judicial Department in this matter.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 39      Nay 0